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SUBJECT: Final Conversation with CC 2

1. I came back to my office around 1500 hours on 29 January 1953, whereto CC 2 had already returned at approximately 1415 hours. My first impression when seeing CC 2 was that of a changed man in as far as he showed greatly relieved. For at least the last year I had perceived that CC 2 was nervous, avoided a free conversation with me, appeared to be under an influence of nervous strain, and performed his work properly, but reluctantly. It seems that the pressure under which he had lived had passed away after he had made a clean breast during the preceding official conversation.

2. CC 2 informed me that he would now leave for Altmünster and would go to Cologne on Saturday morning. There he would commence his work with the "Rheinischer Merkur" on 1 February 1953 as editor for internal politics. He personally would have preferred to have the foreign politics desk which was also vacant, but his superiors - possibly including ADENAUER - CONRAD had insisted on his taking over internal politics. He hoped that with the support of his catholic connections he would make a success, and he felt sure to find assistance from persons now serving with the Bundesrepublik Foreign Office whom he had known when serving with the Auswaertiges Amt at Berlin. Since he did not yet know his private address - his publisher had promised to find him suitable quarters - his address will be c/o "Rheinischer Merkur", Köln, Deichmannhaus. He will come to Austria for a visit at the middle of March. He will write me the exact date and on that occasion would gladly see the gentleman with whom he had talked or any other representative of the "Organization" that might want to speak to him. He asked me whether he could discuss his conversation with me, whereto I replied that he should not. He thereupon stated with enthusiasm that he had been greatly impressed by the personality, the tact, but also the sternness of his partner in conversation who had shown extraordinary knowledge regarding personalities and facts. His judgement of people - although CC 2 had not agreed with him in the beginning - was almost

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perfect. CC 2 went on that he honestly regretted not to have had this conversation long before, because it would have helped him considerably. He then asked me whether I would be agreeable to his writing to me approximately once a month, when he wanted to inform me on his general experience, on events that had occurred, on the political development in Germany as he saw it, and on all matters that might be of interest to us. I accepted expressing my appreciation and asked him for his authorization to pass such letters on to the "Organization", whereto he gladly agreed. CC 2 concluded the conversation by stating that he hoped that political reporting would become of interest to us again and that he at any time - possibly after a lapse of one year in Germany - could resume work for us directly or indirectly.

3. After mutual expressions of friendship CC 2 left shortly after 1600 hours. He had previously handed over to CC 3 his agenda in good order.

4. During the debriefing I noticed that CC 2 made minor misstatements:

- a. I do not recall that he ever asked for my consent to pass any information on to HÖTTL and especially not concerning KAUDER-KLATT.
- b. He did not report on his re-occurring meetings with Professor BORODAJKEWYCZ since 1949, concerning whom and his service for the Soviets I had spoken to CC 2.
- c. CC 2 had not mentioned to me for a longer period his meetings with RASCHHOFER, who is or was a member of GEMLEN's "Professorenklub" and is connected with Professor OBERLÄNDER and whom I considered a dangerous contact for a possible attempt to defect CC 2. I had commented on RASCHHOFER to CC 2 in an unfriendly way.
- d. CC 2 had probably during 1950/1951 informed me on two occasions that HÖTTL had sent him raw material for articles which I understood would be written under CC 2's name. I had then instructed him to remain in loose contact with HÖTTL and always report thereon so that we should know what HÖTTL was doing, but had warned him not to get involved beyond an occasional social contact or the editing of HÖTTL's second book.

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